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FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: YOUR MEETING WITH MUZOREWA

REF: STATE 050906

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2. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE FOR YOU TO HEAR WHAT MUZOREWA HAS TO SAY. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, WE THINK YOU COULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO HIM:

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THAT IT DOES NOT OFFER A PROSPECT FOR AN END TO THE
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B. UNTIL WE CAN BE SATISFIED THAT WHATEVER SETTLEMENT
EMERGES, REGARDLESS OF HOW IT IS REACHED, WILL CONFORM
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C. THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP
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